

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (currently amended) An agitator for mixing components in a container having an open end with an inner diameter, the agitator comprising:

an annular wall forming a hole having a longitudinal axis, said annular wall having a first outer diameter, said annular wall having at least a portion that is ~~and being at least partially tapered towards said longitudinal axis;~~

at least one spoke being secured to said annular wall and traversing said hole; and

a retaining flange being secured to said annular wall and having a second outer diameter,

wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said second outer diameter, wherein said first outer diameter is about equal to said inner diameter thereby allowing said annular wall to at least partially slide into said open end, and wherein said second outer diameter is larger than said inner diameter thereby preventing said retaining flange from sliding into said open end.

42. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 41, wherein said annular wall has an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein said retaining flange is disposed along said

upper portion, and wherein said at least one spoke is disposed along said lower portion.

43. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 42, wherein said at least one spoke is a plurality of spokes that converge at said longitudinal axis of said hole.

44. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said annular wall and said hole define a first planar section, and wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed at least partially outside of said first planar section.

45. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal size.

46. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 44, wherein said annular wall and said plurality of spokes form a cup-like structure.

47. (currently amended) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said annular wall and said hole define a first planar section, wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed in a second planar section, and wherein said first and second planar sections are substantially parallel to each other.

48. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 41, wherein said at least one spoke has first and second surfaces, and first and second fins, wherein said first fin extends from said first surface, and wherein said second fin extends from said second surface.

49. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 48, wherein said first fin is substantially perpendicular to said first surface, and wherein said second fin is substantially perpendicular to said second surface.

50. (previously presented) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal shape.

51. (currently amended) A container assembly for mixing components comprising:

a container having an inner volume and an open end with an inner diameter;

an agitator having an annular ~~ring wall~~ with a first outer diameter, at least one spoke, and a retaining flange with a second outer diameter, said annular ~~ring wall~~ defining a hole with a longitudinal axis, said ~~annular ring~~ being at least partially ~~annular~~ wall having at least a portion that is tapered towards said longitudinal axis, said at least one spoke being secured to and traversing said hole, said retaining flange being secured to said annular ~~ringwall~~;

a dispensing mechanism; and

a fastening ring,

wherein said annular ~~ring wall~~ is at least partially disposed through said open end of said container and in said inner volume, wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said second outer diameter, wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said inner diameter thereby allowing said annular ~~ring wall~~ to at least partially fit into said open end, and wherein said second outer diameter is larger than said inner diameter thereby preventing said retaining flange from fitting into said open end of said container.

52. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said annular ~~ring wall~~ has an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein said retaining flange is disposed along said upper portion, and wherein said at least one spoke is disposed along said lower portion.

53. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said at least one spoke is a plurality of spokes that converge at said longitudinal axis of said hole.

54. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ~~ring wall~~ and said hole define a first planar section, and wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed at least partially outside of said first planar section.

55. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal size.

56. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ~~ring wall~~ and said plurality of spokes form a cup-like structure.

57. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ~~ring wall~~ and said hole define a first planar section, wherein said plurality of spokes is disposed in a second planar section, and wherein said first and second planar sections are substantially parallel to each other.

58. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said at least one spoke has an upper fin extending from

an upper surface of said at least one spoke, and wherein said at least one spoke has a lower fin extending from a lower surface of said at least one spoke.

59. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 58, wherein said upper and lower fins are substantially perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces.

60. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 51, further comprising a liner having a retaining rim, wherein said container has a container rim circumventing said open end for engagement with said retaining rim of said liner and with said retaining flange of said agitator.

61. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 60, wherein said container has an outer surface having external threads, said fastening ring has an inner surface having internal threads, and said external threads and said internal threads are engageable for fastening said fastening ring to said container.

62. (previously presented) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said dispensing mechanism is a nipple.

63. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal size.

64. (currently added) The assembly of claim 41, further comprising a handle integrally formed with the agitator.

65. (currently added) The assembly of claim 51, further

comprising a handle integrally formed with said agitator.